GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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Harassment of Cabin Crew
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether a cabin crew member of Air India was allegedly harassed at London"s Heathrow airport when he was to operate a flight to India, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether he was taken to police station and hospital for blood test and later he was let off without any charges pressed, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has taken up this issue with the concerned authority; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

(Shri Jayant Sinha)

(a): Cabin crew while going through security check at Heathrow Airport, a Security Personnel made him walk through Metal Detector & Body Scanner for Security (Sensor Door) thrice in a derogatory harassing manner. The cabin crew expressed his embarrassment.;
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(b): The concerned cabin crew boarded the aircraft. After sometime, two policemen came and took him to the hospital and blood sample was taken. After two hours of detention, he was let off. Police told him that the sample report would be sent later but till date nothing has come inspite of repeated follow up.;
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(c): No, Madam.;
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(d): Does not arise in view of (c) above.